

What: Uptown P-Patch Design Mtg #3  
Where: The Next 50 HQ @ Seattle Center  
When: Tuesday, 1/31 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Who: Community – 66 folks  
Landscape Architects – Eric Higbee & Nicole Kistler  
Seattle Center – Layne Cubell  
P-Patch – Laura Raymond & Phi Huynh

### **Uptown P-Patch Design #3 Meeting Minutes:**

#### **1. Sign-in and Snacks/Refreshments All (10 minutes)**

- A big thank you to the folks who brought in snacks to share.
- Almond roca candy + cookies + lemon & wild berry bread + crackers & hummus + mini coconut muffins = **Y U M M E R S !!!**

#### **2. Welcome & Outline of Process-to-Date Laura Raymond/Phi Huynh (5 minutes)**

- Introduction of staff: Landscape Architects - Eric Higbee & Nicole Kistler; Seattle Center - Layne Cubell; P-Patch – Laura & Phi
- Garden is a partnership between community volunteers, Dept. of Neighborhoods, and Seattle Center
- Seattle Center is allowing temporary use of space
- Project is funded by the 2008 Parks and Green Space Levy. The levy required construction of 4 new gardens. With the contributions of many community members like yourselves, we will be able to build closer to 20 gardens with the levy dollars. This garden is one of them.
- The total budget for this project is \$150,000
- Our goal is have the garden built this spring, hopefully to coincide with Seattle Center's 50 yr anniversary celebration, The Next 50 which begins in at the end of April.
- Volunteer Recognition: Audience; Community Partners like QFC, The Center School; Volunteer Teams - Outreach, Social Media & Arts Team
- Recognition of Jean Sundborg, a Interbay P-Patch gardener, for all of her assistance and time in helping out with the planning and volunteering. Alas, she is leaving the group after Wednesday meeting.

#### **3. Presentation of Final Plan Nicole Kistler/Eric Higbee (15 minutes)**

- Nicole & Eric presented final garden design plan that incorporated the community's input while balancing garage's structural constraints, weight capacity being the major issue, see attachment final plan details.
- Just like the second design presentation, this presentation will eventually be posted on Uptown's P-Patch Facebook, give it a week or two.  
<http://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Uptown-P-Patch/145966158850019>

#### **4. Design Feedback Community (5 minutes)**

- Community provide design feedback via writing down there thoughts.
- Eric and Nicole are looking forward to reading them.

#### **5. Garden Elements & Breakout Groups Community (30 minutes)**

- Community members self selected which breakout group that would like to participate in...  
Terrace Beds, Paths and Raised Beds      Art elements and pavement painting

Gathering Spaces and Kiosk  
education, and signage  
Trellis and shade structures  
Communally managed growing areas  
Irrigation System  
Tool shed

Rooftop veggie growing demonstration,  
Children's Features  
Honey Bees, Mason Bees, Birds, and Wildlife  
Giving Garden  
Compost Systems

**6. Breakout Groups Report Back**                      **Community**                      **(10 minutes)**  
- A wealth of information was shared. I will send out the information as soon as it has been transcribed.

**7. Community Asset Identification**                      **Community**                      **(20 minutes)**  
- Community were asked go to each design element station, aka breakout groups, and write down what they can offer w/ their name next to it.  
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**8. Review**                      **Phi**                      **(5 minutes)**  
- P-Patch community garden is Community Supported, Community Driven and **COMMUNITY BUILT**.  
- 4 Key Garden Development Areas:  
    **1. Outreach/Community Engagement** – This is ongoing. Great work's been done by the outreach team. Between each meeting we've about doubled the number of participants and there are now approx. 160 people on the interest list for the garden.  
    **2. Design** – After this meeting, Uptown P-Patch community is transitioning from large community design meetings to work into smaller work teams to get the garden built.  
    **3. Construction** – Community, via the **Design/Build Team**, will work collaboratively with Eric/Nicole to further hammer out the garden details, research materials, decide on construction – contractors vs. volunteers, sifting through project costs/budgeting and, generate and assist with executing a viable work plan.  
    **4. Plot Assignments & Grand Opening** – The more members volunteer the higher the chances of being assigned a plot when the garden opens.

## Next Steps

- 1. Further Design Development.** After tonight, the Design/Build team will take the month of February to work with the Landscape Architects to finalize the details of the garden, choose materials, research costs, and building methods and decide how different parts of the garden will be constructed. If you like to dig into the details of design and construction it would be great to have you join this team. **Please contact me ASAP if you are interested.**
- 2. Plan Review.** Also during February and early March the final design and details will be reviewed by Seattle Center.
- 3. Building The Garden.** Construction of the garden will start in mid-march. The work will likely be done through a combination of contracted work and volunteer work parties.

Everyone will be invited to volunteer at the work parties. Work parties will probably happen on every Saturday and maybe some other days of the week starting March 17 through April and beyond.

4. **“Soft” Opening.** We hope a good portion of the garden will be done by Earth Day, April 22. So we can show off the garden for the Next 50 celebration at Seattle Center.
5. **Work Parties.** These will likely continue through the spring and summer with a hope that plots can be assigned around June – that will depend on the progress we make building.
6. **Community Work Teams = You + Neighbors + Friends & Family!** All of this work cannot happen without work teams. Teams can form and then dissolve depending on the work that needs to be done. Please sign up for one or more that matches how you’d like to be involved. Of course, participation in these event count towards your volunteer hours. Right now we are seeking folks for:
  - **Design/Build Team**
  - **Outreach Team**
  - **Art and Social Media Team (this may become 2 groups in the future)**
  - **Education/Communities Activities/Tours Team (a future task that will be needed towards the end of the project)**